

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Catholic schools continue their mission of providing a faith-filled future by furnishing our leaders of tomorrow with basic human, moral, and spiritual foundations; and,

*Whereas*, Catholic schools strengthen the future of the community, the nation, and the world by keeping viable the right of freedom of religion, under law; and,

*Whereas*, Catholic education has demonstrated its ability to contribute to the state's welfare throughout its history by raising levels of knowledge, competence, and experience; and,

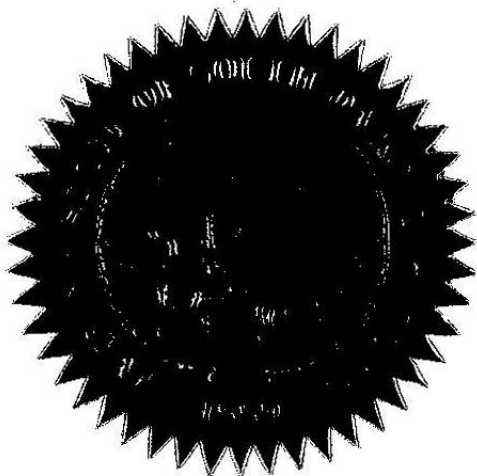
*Whereas*, The 30 Catholic grade and high schools in South Dakota are educating over 6,500 citizens during the 2003-2004 school year; and,

*Whereas*, Catholic school students are provided the opportunity to practice the mission statement through visits to nursing facilities, donations of blankets to domestic violence centers, writing cards and letters to and holding fundraisers for our overseas military personnel, and school staff often offer breakfast for parents and students, just to mention a few activities that take place during the week:

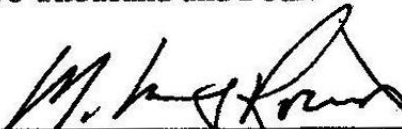
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 26-31, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I recognize the contributions Catholic schools have made and are making today as they fulfill the mission of a faith-filled future for our citizens.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State